

# WRITE TITLE

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WRITE [(rep)] TITLE [LEFT [JUSTIFIED]] [UNDERLINED]
      [(statement-parameters)]
      { { [nX] { 'text' [(attributes)] } }
        { [nT] { 'c'(n) [(attributes)] } }
        { [x/y]... [ '=' ] operand1 [(parameters)] } } ...
      [SKIP operand2 [LINES]]

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Operand	Possible Structure					Possible Formats											Referencing Permitted	Dynamic Definition	
Operand1		S	A	G	N	A	N	P	I	F	B	D	T	L		G	O	yes	no
Operand2	C	S					N	P	I		B							yes	no

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## Function

The **WRITE TITLE** statement is used to override the default page title with a page title of your own. It is executed whenever a new page is initiated.

This statement is non-procedural (that is, its execution depends on an event, not on where in a program it is located).

### Note:

If a report is produced by statements in different objects, the **WRITE TITLE** statement is only executed if it is contained in the same object as the statement that causes a new page to be initiated.

## Restrictions

**WRITE TITLE** may be specified only once per report.

**WRITE TITLE** cannot be specified within a special condition statement block.

**WRITE TITLE** cannot be specified within a subroutine.

## Report Specification - rep

If multiple reports are to be produced, the notation (*rep*) may be used to specify the identification of the report for which the **WRITE TITLE** statement is applicable. A value in the range 0 - 31 or a logical name which has been assigned using the **DEFINE PRINTER** statement may be specified.

If (*rep*) is not specified, the **WRITE TITLE** statement applies to the first report (report 0).

## Justification and Underlining

By default, page titles are centered and not underlined. LEFT JUSTIFIED and/or UNDERLINED may be specified to override these defaults. If UNDERLINED is specified, the underlining character (system default or specified with the UC parameter in a FORMAT statement) is printed underneath the title and runs the width of the line size (LS parameter).

Natural first applies all spacing or tab specifications and creates the line before centering the whole line. For example, a notation of "10T" as the first element would cause the centered header to be positioned five positions to the right.

## statement-parameters

One or more parameters, enclosed within parentheses, may be specified immediately after WRITE TITLE. Each parameter specified in this manner will override any previous parameter specified in a GLOBALS command, SET GLOBALS or FORMAT statement.

If more than one parameter is specified, one or more blanks must be present between each entry. An entry may not be split between two statement lines.

For a description of each parameter, see the section Session Parameters in the Natural Reference documentation.

## operand1

*Operand1* represents the field(s) to be displayed within the title. The format notations and spacing elements to be used are identical to those used with the WRITE statement (see the WRITE statement for more information).

## SKIP - operand2

SKIP may be used to cause lines to be skipped immediately after the title line. The number of lines to be skipped may be specified as a numeric constant or as the content of a numeric variable.

### **Note:**

SKIP after WRITE TITLE is always interpreted as the SKIP clause of the WRITE TITLE statement, and not as an independent statement. If you wish an independent SKIP statement after a WRITE TITLE statement, use a semicolon (;) to separate the two statements from one another.

## Example

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/* EXAMPLE 'WTIEX1': WRITE TITLE
/*****
FORMAT LS=70
/*****
WRITE TITLE LEFT JUSTIFIED UNDERLINED
      *TIME 3X 'PEOPLE LIVING IN NEW YORK CITY'
      11X 'PAGE:' *PAGE-NUMBER

SKIPl
/*****
FIND EMPLOYEES WITH CITY = 'NEW YORK'
  DISPLAY NAME FIRST-NAME 3X JOB-TITLE
/*****
END
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15:57:19.1	PEOPLE LIVING IN NEW YORK CITY	PAGE:	1
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NAME	FIRST-NAME	CURRENT POSITION	
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RUBIN	SYLVIA	SECRETARY	
WALLACE	MARY	ANALYST	